

THE STORY OF THE RED ROCK TRAILS “PLAN”

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Trail System and Trailhead Expansion Decision

- ▣ Created the Red Rock Trails Plan
- ▣ Approved 84 miles of new trail
- ▣ Approved new trailheads
- ▣ Set standards and guidelines for activities
(for example Peregrine Falcon)

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Key actions:

- ▣ More trails for hiking, biking and equestrians
- ▣ Improve trailhead information and parking

Decision based on:

- ▣ High demand for trails
- ▣ Need for non-Wilderness trails for biking
- ▣ Poor condition of current system

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Guiding principles and shared vision –

- ▣ The environment is a sensitive and limited living system in need of actions to sustain and enhance it.
- ▣ We will not regard the area as a potential theme park for commercial exploitation at the expense of nature.

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Recreation Goals –

- ▣ Emphasize opportunities for solitude, scenic beauty and natural quiet.
- ▣ Recreation opportunities are primarily nature based.
- ▣ Visitors have access to high quality trail experiences.

TRAIL PLAN DIRECTION

Trail Plan Objectives -

- ▣ Eliminate or redesign unneeded or poorly located trails
- ▣ Include a variety of non-motorized trails
- ▣ Disperse users to compatible areas
- ▣ Discourage proliferation of unneeded trails

MANAGEMENT AREAS



NEIGHBORWOODS

Close to residential areas –

- ▣ Relatively quiet, easily accessed Forest supports wildlife, scenic viewing and experiencing nature
- ▣ Provide convenient trail access for residents and visitors
- ▣ Encourage use of designated trails; links and trailheads
- ▣ Expand partnerships to care for trails

FRONTCOUNTRY

Highest use areas –

- ▣ Strong emphasis on visitors
- ▣ Easily accessed trail opportunities
- ▣ Nature-based day use activities are the focus
- ▣ Expand opportunities for loop hikes, access to overlooks and trails for persons with disabilities and trail links to Uptown

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Trails –

- ▣ Little Horse
- ▣ Llama
- ▣ Bell Rock Pathway
- ▣ Jordan
- ▣ Jim Thompson
- ▣ Girdner
- ▣ Courthouse
- ▣ Old Munds

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Trailheads –

- ▣ Little Horse
- ▣ Cathedral Rock
- ▣ Bell Rock Pathway
- ▣ Jordan/Jim Thompson
- ▣ Huckaby
- ▣ Thunder Mountain
- ▣ Baldwin
- ▣ Boynton

More information

Forest Plan will be posted
on the Coconino Website
and on VVCC.us